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RICHMOND, VA., SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 1904.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS

The Weather. WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Forecast for Saturday and Sunday:
Virghla—Far Saturday; Funday snow or rain and colder; variable winds, becoming fresh southeast.
North Carolina—Fair Saturday, e-ront rain in extreme west portion, warme in east portion; Sunday fair and c idd; variable winds, becoming fresh south.

While there was good skating yesterday morning as the result of t e c.ld of the night before the temperature moderated very much during the day. The mercury had not gotten back to the freezing polat at midnight.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

Highest temperature yesterday 42
Lowest temperature vesterday 23
Moan temperature vesterday 33
Normal temperature to: January 47
Peparture from normal temperature 40
Precipitation during past 24 hours 60

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War scare has influence on stock market, making day a very dull one and the close barely steady—Fee i.g. n. izerln is that war between R san and Japan will be averted by former country ad alting most of the demands of Japan—Senator Teller discusses Panama q extron in Senate and accuses the Pre itent of having contravened international law of having contravened international law in his recogn tion of the new re ubile—
Red Star liner has roush passage art as a Atlantic, and while repairing accent is strap of the engine heavy sens toss wessell about at will—Senate Proriga Ristland Committee amends Panama tracty no as to safeguard the country's outrough the harbors of Panama and Colon at of the harbors of Panama and Colon at of the harbors of Panama and Colon at of the contravent of the tracty of the charters of Democrats to elect next President of the United Sates, by will not express himself as to who is best conditions the president of the United Sates, by will not express himself as to who is best conditioned. President Roosaveit is alleged to have declared Senator Hanna "must be or cut bil." and semi-onited denial does not carry conviction—Defonse in Beeht it all is making strong effort, o secule acquittal of Mis. Beente, and the rem very of boy who commit of a loids in prison—B de spend for new battlesslips show that the Cramps offer lowest terms for building both, while the No 'p rt News company is the loicet bedder for the construction of one of the vessels; believed that both contracts will be given the construction of one of the vessels; believed that both contracts will be given the company and the with same weapon puts an entite his sown existence—Insurgents to a be viy in battle with troops of the Uruguay rovernment.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE EXONERATE COUNCILMEN

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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BRISTOL, VA., Jan. 15.—The citizens' committee, which has been investigating the charges of irregularity and illegality made by City Attorney Ashworth against the Virginia City Counci, handed a report to Mayor W. I. Rice, of Bristol, Va., to-night, exonerating the councilmen from any wrong, and stated the city had not been injured by the Dominion National Bank, of which Councilman H. E. Jones is president, parchasing the bonds of the city, nor hal the bank charged by usurfous rate of interest.

City Attorney Asaworth states the proceedings will be carried into the courts.

MR. GRADY FALLS

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FROM A STREET CAR
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, VA. Jan. 16.—Mr. A. J.
Grady, deputy tax collector of the city,
fell from a street car this afternoon in
North Danyille, and it is believed he is
ceriously injured. Mr. Grady caught his
feet as he alighted from the car. Faking, he wrenched his back, and it is feared
that he has sustained informal injuries.
He is one of the best specimens of maklicod, as far as physique, in the city, and
is very popular.

SAW FACES ON WINDOW

All Jackson Ward Excited Over This Remarkable Phenomenon on St. John Street.

A VOICE CALLED TO SARAH

She Looked Up at the Window, and Behold There Were Faces on the Pane.

Weird and uncanny to the multitudes hat hourly flock to gaze upon the sight, three human faces are staring from the oar window of an obscure Jackson Ward residence-at least the Jackson Ward people say they are-abizarre and unearthly effect that is distracting the entire community.

Whence came the strange that are solemnly declared to be the profiles of recently deceased residents of the street nobody knows or has the courage to suggest. But, fixed upon the panes, they are there, looking back at the crowds that fidget beneath them. ghostly power, the faces suddenly apas she did so strange things occurred and the writing upon the glass took form. In this manner the signs appeared and until nightfail on each day since the colored population have asembled near to behold them.

Great Crowds Gather.

Along the streets leading to the scene a stream of people poured during the early afternoon of yesterday. Those who went were incredulous and unconvinced; those who came away were si-lent and subdued; now and then talking

vinced; those who came any relating, but of the faces only. Men, women and children, all were along.

"Gwine see de excitement," was the usual hurried response to a query. The house, so strangely visited, is No. 1724 St. John Street, far out in the colored quarter of the city. In it lives Sgrah Corbin and her children, one of whom is a grown son. On one side lives William Jenkins and on the other there lived in her lifetime an old negro woman named Wilson. The Jenkins man had a deughter named Begsie. The latter and the old Wilson woman as well were both frequently at the Corbin house. Bessie Jenkins died and was buried on Christmas Eve. On he day that she was mas Eve. On he day that she buried the old Wilson woman died.

arcund and inspected, and finally the arcund the door, littly crowd gathered around the door, pushed back into the large crowd in the yard, and all gazed fixedly at the window that had been opened for the benefit of "de edito" scribe" who was present.

The Window.

The window in question is a second story one, to the rear of the little house, It has about a dozen panes of glass in it. I on the upper pane if the right is a splotch, said to be the face of Bessie

BIDS OPENED FOR **NEW BATTLESHIPS**

Cramps Lowest for Both and the Newport News Company Lowest for One Vessel.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—Bids
for the 13,200 ton battleships Idaho and
Mississippi were opened at the Navy Lepartment to-day, The bidders were as

Cramps and Sons, Philadelphia-One

Junkins. Just beneath it is another, alloged to represent the figure of the Wilson woman. To the left of the latter is a third form—that of o man—and here the chief mystery lies. "Who is the man?" Is the question all are asking. William Corbin said yesterday it must be a man named Goode, because the figure had a Masonic decoration on it, and Goode was a Mason.

However this may be, these three signs make up the little scene that has gotten Juckson Ward distinctly aroused. Shortly before dusk yesterday a prolyinged scruthly of the window by a Times-Dispatch man falled to show anything but a few blurred splotches. But others declared that they could see distinctly, and that when the sun shore the faces were as pain on daylight. A conservative negro, who refused to believe there was anything mysterious about the window, nevertheless declared emphatically that the faces were there. He was of opinion that the prof'es had been crawn on the panes years ago perhaps, and were only now be, but, noticed. But the Crobin woman says they were not there before Tuesday, and that every offert since then to remove the marks have been without effect.

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Strange and incomprehensible to the crowds have the faces proven. Hundreds of curious eyes have peered fixedly at the window for hours at a time. All during Wednesday and Thursday and vestorday, the colored people of Jackyesterday, the colored people of Ward flocked to the place and stood son ward nosed to the place and looked. Some were badly frightened, some amused, some merely curious. Crowds packed the little muddy badl alley leading into the rear yard. Men and children have swarmed over the fences. and outhouses endeavoring to get a betview. The Corbin house has been ter view. The Corbin house has been overrun. Every now and then the woman sends upstairs and closes the blinds When some of the crowd moves away she has it opened again from the outside, of course. The window itself is not

To-day will probably see a repetition of the scenes of yesterday, unless the yesterday afternoon.

Other Cases.

Occurrences of this sort have not been rure in Richmond. Some years ago the face of a woman was said to have appeared upon a window in the residence of Dr. Nuckols, on West Grace Street. The face of a nun suddenly looked from a Marshall Street house one day. On Fighth Street a hand appeared on the

Coroner Taylor examined the

window.

Coroner Taylor examined the Nuckols window, but found nothing there when he took the pare to his office I was probably the discoveration of the glass, caused by exposure to the atmosphere. "Some of these faces and figures are prounder," said Dr. Teylor last night, but a lot of them are imagined. A pice of riss that his eccupied the front of a picture frame may in the course of time, have the outlines of the preture behind photographed upon it. If this gass is placed in a window the picture may not be visible at first but it is there. After a while the atmosphere develops it, as it were, and faces appear. This is a perfectly natural and possible occurrence that has neen known to happentime and again."

SAYS PERSON RESOLUTION IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

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cess for so long a time.

He is further of opinion that the Legisleture should adjourn so as to be able
to avail itself of the printed statutes,

FIRED FATAL SHOT WHILE LYING PROSTRATE

(By Associated Press.)
EL PASO, TEXAS, Jan. 15.—Povceman Howell Cobb shot and killed Robert O. Emma, a Mexican, on one of the main streets to-day. Emma was resisting arrest, and after knocking the officer which was a standard blue with the company of the main standard blue with the company of the company

SHERIFF WARD PROBABLY KILLED

Was Found Dead in a Pasture Near His House.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PRINCESS ANNE C. H., VA., Jan. 15 .-Edward R. Ward, sheriff of this county, was found dead on his premises last right. He went in his stable to see that everything was all right, and did not icturn. His family becoming alarmed, formed an investigation party and found him dead in one of the pastures adjoin-His death may have been caused by foul play.

CONTRACT FOR MONTICELLO

Clamps and Sons, Philadelphia—One vessel, to be completed in thirty-aliae months, 83,200,000; or two vessels, one within thirty-eight months, and the other forty months, at \$2,999,500 each. The Newport News Shipbuilding Company—One vessel, in thirty-seven months, at \$1,470,000.

The Maryland Stoel Company, of Baltimore—One vessel, within forty-two months, \$3,472,600.

The Pore River Shipbuilding Company, Quincy, Mass.—One vessel, forty-two months, \$3,400,000.

The New York Shipbuilding Company, Camden, N. J.—One vessel, forty-two months, \$3,400,000.

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MR. AND MRS. CLEVELAND

APPRECIATE SYMPATHY

(By Associated Press.)

PRINCIPTON, N. J., Jan. 15.—Ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland gare out a state-ment expressing their gratifude for the sympathy conveyed on the death of their electrons and the property of the Virginia building at St. Louis to Mr. J. C. Broderick, and the single file of the Exposition City, being the successful bidder. The commission do not care to give out the price at which the commission do not care to give out the price at which the care to give out the price at which the care to give out the price at which the care to give out the work of reproducing Monticello will be taken up, and political intervention in Manchuria.

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SCHOOL BOOK SELECTION

State Education Board Agrees Upon a Multiple List Plan, With Local Selection.

BROAD POLICY ADOPTED

Local School Committees to be Named, Who Shall Select Books From List Provided.

The State Board of Education held an important meeting yesterday preliminary public schools of the State for the next four years, and outlined its powers, as ounferred by the new Constitution, construed the language of that instrument with respect to the school system, and edopted a broad and liberal policy with selection. While it recognized that the intended to place the selection of textbooks to a large extent in the hands of the State Board, the toard, in the action taken yesterday, gives the local school

The net result of the meeting was the sacption, after a thoughtful and exhaustive discussion or more than four Lours, of a resolution setting forth in detail the plan devised for the selection actail the plan devised for the selection of public school text-looks. This resolution, originally offered by Dr. Kent, of the University of Virginia, was so changed by amendments and suggestions incorporated that it is a real composite resolution of the heard itself.

Have Multiple List.

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It is in full as follows:

1 The State Board of Education shall adopt a mutiple list of not less that two nor more than four, series of text-books in each of the subjects thing it is not made to the subjects thing it is not grade, and in addition it shall adopt an approved list of high seriod books.

2 Each school division shall have triprivilege of using any of the books placed by the State Board of Education on the multiple ist. The selection, however, of these books shall he made as follows:

(a) roy each school division the county or city school board of said division shall promite a committee crisisting of three teache, s and three school trisees, who, with the dw.s.on superintendent of schools, as chairman, shall constitute it local coramittee for the recommendation of the text-books desired in the schools of the commendation of the text-books desired in the schools of said division. The State Board of Leducation is recommendation, and approved, amend or refer same, and select in ally the text-books to be used in the public schools of said division.

3 The regularly organized high schools of the State should be succeeded by the state should be succeeded by the schools of said division.

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3 The regularly organized high schools of the State shall have the rivilege of using any text-books selected by the State Board of Education, which shall prepare a list of such approved high school Looks. This list shall be subject to revision and addition at will.

The discussion leading to the adoption f the resolution was on the question thether a single or multiple list of text

OUR INTERESTS COMMERCIAL ONLY

of Interfering Politically in Manchuria.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 15.—What
might have developed into an unfortunate misunderstanding between the governments of the United States and Russin regarding the interest of the United States in Manchuria was adjusted at a conference at the State Department toconference at the State Department today between Mr. Hay, the Secretary of
State, and Count Cassini, the Russian
ambassador. As a result the Russian
Government will be advised by the ambassador that he has the best assurances that the interest of this country
in Manchuria is absolutely and exclusively commercial, and that the consuls
sent to Mukden and Antung will confine
their activities to the faithful care of
American trade interests in that province.



GIVEN A CLEAR TRACK.

JERKS BOY

Edward K. Landis, an Expert Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson Trying Chemist, Then Ends His Own Life With a Revolver.

WAS INSANE FROM ILLNESS

(By Associated Press.)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Jan. 15.—Rendered Insune by Illness, Edward K. Landis, a widely known expert chemist, to-day shot and killed his wife, Emma and then ended his own life-with the same weapon. The tragedy was enacted in the Landis residence, No. 4025 Spruce Street, West Philadelphia. Mr. Landis had been a sufferer from asthma for

Two months ago he was compelled give up his laboratory work, and had cen confined to his bed for the past two weeks. To-day Mrs. Landis, with her sister, Mrs. H. W. Potts, and Mrs. Patten, a dressmaker, were in the room adjoining the apartment occupied by Mr.

Landis.

The sick man called to his wife, complaining that the ringing of the door bell annoyed him. She entered his room and had hardly stepped through the door way when Mr. Landis raised himself in bed, and, reaching under the pillow, drow forth a revolver. He fired upon his wife, the builte taking offect in her breast. She screamed and field to the adjoining room, her husband following. Mrs. Potts and hirs. Patten attempted

An Exhibit at St. Louis.

Legislature Invited.

Rev Dr. J. B. Haw horne, pastor of Giove Avenue Baptist Church, will preach on the subject. "Shall the Christian Religion be Taught in the Public Schools?" The members of the Legislature are invited.

(Continued on Sixth Page.)

An Exhibit at St. Louis.

Before the board went into executive session, Assistant Commissioner George E. Murrell, of the Virginia Commission which he traveled extensively, and studied in many of the European university of the St. Louis.

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NEWHOUSE IS NOW A STRONG FACTOR

and Colonel John W. Richardson.

The most striking development in legislative circles yesterday was in relation to the fight for Register of the Land Oiltee, which will be determined in the Democratic caucus noxt Wednesday night. While there are yet others in the race, it has become apparent that the fight has narrowed down between Mossis. Newhouse, of Culpeper, and Richardson, of Smyth, the latter being the incumbent, and it is evident that the former is a powerful factor in the race.

All the strength of Mr. S. M. Donati, of Augusta, has, it is claimed, gone to the Culpeper man, and while Mr. J. N. Brenaman is at this time a candidate, it is believed that later on the greater portion of his strength will go to the Eighth District leader, unless it shall be demonstrated that Mr. Brenaman has the best prospects of success. The most striking development in legis-

THE BALL PASSED THROUGH HIS HEART

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BLUEFIELD, W. VA., Jan. 16.—Gus
Godfrey and Robert Calfee spent this
morning in a saloon at Gistro, and began wrestling. This led to a misunferstanding, and finally a row. Calfee fired
from the outside through a window at
Godfrey, who was inside, killing nim instantly. The ball passed through Godgrey's heart.

to Stop Fight When J. A. Morris Interferes.

CAUSES MUCH EXCITEMENT

Hon, J. Taylor Ellyson had a peculiar and exceedingly unpleasant' experience yesterday evening while acting as peacemaker between a white and a colored boy. He narrowly missed having a difficulty with J. A. Morris, who interfered and for whom the police are now looking The officers have a warrant charging Morris with disorder's conduct on the street and Mr. Eliyson and Mr. Robert Lecky. Jr., are to be summoned as wit

Just as Mr. Ellyson reached the northeast corner of Ninth and Main Sireets about 6 o'clock, his attention was attracted to a dispute going on between a small white boy. Alfred Stoggart by name, and a smaller colored boy. While the chairman of the State Democratic Committee and the former Mayor of Richmond was looking on the white boy struck the coured boy a severe blow on the head with a broom handle. Mr. Ellyson caught the youthful assailant and undertook to reason with him, but the boy was mad and didn't want to reason, so Mr. Ellyson took him by the shoulder and started to draw him into a near by entrance, when Mr. Morris solzed the other side of the boy and demanded at the same time that Mr. Ellyson release Just as Mr. Ellyson reached the north arrest where he did not see the offense without a warrant. A gentleman told Mr. Robins that he saw the offense, and thought Morris ought to be arrested. Again the officer ran after Morris and stopped him, and again let him go, while he want to the First Station and sworo out the warrant. This he and Officer Hughes tried to serve, but coul not find Morris, who lives on Main Street, near the Old Market.

BROKE HIS PAROLE TO SECURE TRIAL

This Country Has No Intention Race for Register Between Him John M. Glover Again Placed Under Arrest by Colorado Militia and Put in Jail,

> (By Associated Press.) CRIPPLE CREEK, COL., Jan. 15.—John (By Associated Press.)
> CRIPPLE CREEK, COL., Jan. 15.—John
> Glover, former congressman from Missouri, was again arrested by a military
> squad to-day and placed in the county
> jeft. Mr. Glover, who fought the military three weeks ago and was shot in the
> arm, was arrested on an order from Commander Verdeckberg, because of an alleged threatening letter sent to that officer. The letter declared Glover would
> not be bound by his parols, and that he
> intended to push Colonel Verdeckberg and
> his accessories "to the full limit of the
> civil and criminal laws."
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> Mr. Glover did not resist arrest, but
> protested against being placed in jail.
> No chargs was preferred against him.
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> At the jail Mr. Glover saud his counsel
> would begin proceedings in the United
> States Circuit Court against Governor
> Peabody, the State military authorities
> and others, under the civil rights act, aileging conspiracy to deprive him of his
> rights under the Federal Constitution, He
> broke his parole, he said, for the express
> purpose of getting his case before the

JOHN BROWN'S DAUGHTER DEAD AT AGE OF 75

(By Associated Press.)

PASADENA, CAL., Jan. 15.—Mrs. Ruth
Brown Thompson, daughter of John
Brown, the abolitionists, died at her
some to-day, ared accenty-five years.

MARKING TIME IN FAR EAST

Peaceful Solution Does Not seem Probable.

NOT THE MOMENT FOR THE FIGHT

Russian Ministers Said to Regard Time as Inopportune for Conflict.

THEY MAY ADMIT JAPANESE DEMANDS

Berlin Diplomats Think Position of Great Britain and United States Has Had Strong Influence for Peace on the Minds of Russian Ministers.

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Jan. 15.—That Russia has applied to Turkey for permission to send er Black Sea fleet through the Dardanelles, is confirmed authoritatively ere, and it is also asserted that Russia will renew the application and press for Turkish consent. Germany's attitude, as the time the four unarmed Russian orpedo boat destroyers passed through

the Straits, September, 1902, is that sne had no concern in the matter.

The British government is believed to have identified itself more fully week by week with the Japanese position, unit now Great Britain is almost as deeply committed as Japan. The position in which Great Britain now stands, according to the view taken of the situation here, has impressed and is impressing the Russian statesmen. The readiness, with which the United States associated herself with Japan in pressing for the signature of the commercial treaties with China is another fact cial treaties with China is and contributory to the feeling in St. Fetare-burs, that this is not the moment to fight. The decision for war or peace now rests with the Czar w mytysers, are now rests with the Czars navisors and symptoms are wishble here that the de-cision will be peace, by largely admit-ting Japan's demands. The skill Japan has shown throughout the negotiations excites admiration at the German For-eign Office.

HOPEFULNESS REIGNS.

Russian Foreign Office Considers Situation Less Warlike.

(By Associated Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 15.—The
Japaness minister M. Kurino, to-day
delivered the Japaness reply to the Foreign Office hero.
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The Russian Fonsign Office says the present stage of the negotiations is an advance on previous stages, in certain respects. The two governments had approuched an understanding on some points, but not on others. Hopefulrass reigned to-day in gany quarters, where pressimism had hitherto provailed.

Conservative opinion holds that while the prospect of peace is better than ever, the end cannot be predicted with certainty, particularly the manner in which a settlement can be secured.

SUSPICIOUS CRAFT.

Two Torpedo Boats Approached Japanese Warships.

(By Associated Press.)

ROME, Jan. 15. Prince Takingski, telegrephing from on board the Japaness warking Niasin, says that while the Niasin and Kasaga were being excorted through the Mediceranen by ulina Britian warsh pa they were approached by Wy Ru: sian torped bous, and that when the latter saw the powerful escort they girl in haste for the harbor of Syracuse. It is asserted that Geat Britain is concentrating flity-two warships in the hieldierranean.

Protect Korean Sovereignty.

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(By Associated Frees)
LONDON, Jan, 15.—The Daily Mail's
Seoul correspondent cables an interview
with M. Pavloff, the Russian minister
to Korea, who said:

"Russia will refuse to agree to the
opening of Wiju and will protect Korean
sovereignty at all costs, Russia would
regard the landing of Japanese troops
in Korea as an unfriendly act, and would
defend the independence of Korea
against Pagan invaders."

In the same interview, Minister Pavloft declared:

"The Russian fleet will not fight.
Fabian tactics will be employed, and
Japan will defeat herself within a short
period of being on a war footing."

Report Is Untrue.

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(IIV Associated Press.)

LONDON. Jan. 15.—The report published in the United States by a news agency to the effect that the British government had notiffed Japan that any attempt of the Russian Black Sea fleet to pass the Dardanelles would be cheeked by decisive action, is untrue. Foreign Secretary Lansdowne to-day expressed disbellet that Russia had any intention of trying to send a fleet through the Dardanelles, adding that it would be an abvious breach of treaty, in which Great Britain could not possibly acquiesce.

Japanese War Vessels. (By Associated Press.) SUEZ, Jan. 15.—The Japanese cruisor Jassaga has proceeded on its voyage. The Masin also has reached here and is thising on coel.

Troops Concentrating.

(By Associated Press.)

PEKIN, Jan. 15.—1t is recorted from consular sources of New-Chwang that Russian troops are cancentrating at the spans of Lian-Yang and Hai-Cheng and